GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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PAUCITY OF NATURAL GAS IN MAHARASHTRA
RAMSHETH THAKUR

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that due to paucity of Natural Gas availability, gas based large industrial projects have been affected badly in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, whether the State Government is demanding the Union Government to provide adequate Natural gas for a long time;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government in this direction?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (c) As the present availability of natural gas ex-Uran is only in the range of 10-10.5 million metric standard cubic meters per day (MMSCMD) against the contracted quantity of more than 16 MMSCMD, pro-rata cuts are being made in the gas supplies to al consumers with priority to feed stock consumers. The Government of Maharashtra have sought increase in the gas supplies for the power plant of Maharashtra State Electricity Board at Uran to the contracted level of 3.50 MMSCMD.

(d) To augment the gas supply, GAIL has signed a Cooperation Agreement with Totalfina of France and Tata Electrical Company Limited (TEC), Trombay for import of Liquified Natural Gas (LNG).